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In re Application of

: DECISION ON PETITION

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TO WITHDRAW

Serial No. : 09/681,220

: HOLDING OF

Filed: February 27, 2001

ABANDONMENT

For

: Matching Layer Having Gradient in Impedance for

Ultrasound Transducers

This is a decision on petitioner's request filed October 15, 2002, to review the holding of abandonment mailed September 26, 2002, for failure to respond to the Office action mailed January 16, 2002. There is no fee required for this petition.

In support of the request, petitioner has submitted a copy of a response, and a copy of a PTO stamped receipt dated March 29, 2002 evidencing timely receipt of the response. The original response has been found and matched with the file. Any inconvenience is deeply regretted.

In view of the above, the Notice of Abandonment mailed September 26, 2002, is in error and is hereby vacated. The holding of abandonment is withdrawn. Upon the mailing of this decision, the application will be forwarded to the Examiner for consideration of the response filed March 29, 2002.

Summary: Holding of Abandonment Withdrawn.

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